



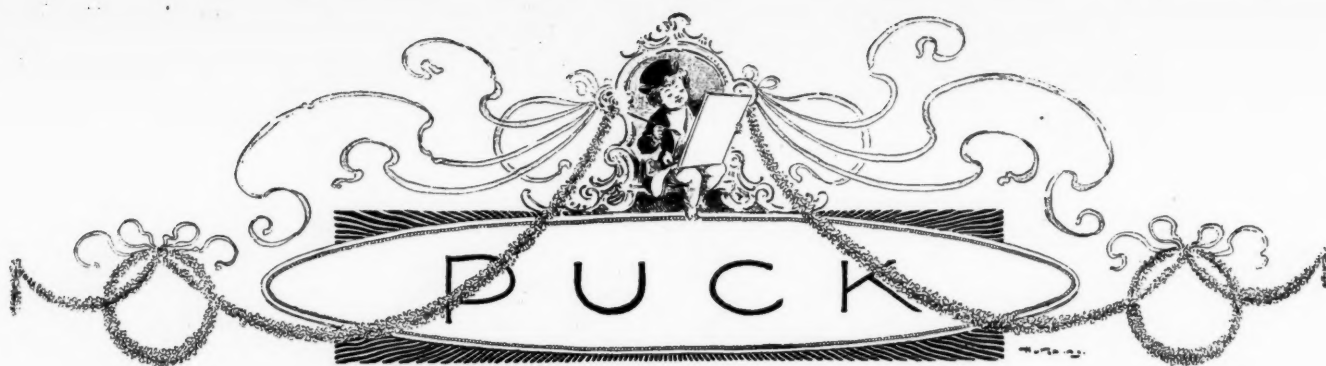
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HE MUST BE KEPT OUT.

UNCLE SAM.—Consarn ye! you've spoiled my Senate and House of Representatives. but I'll never let you get into the White House!—that's all I've got left to depend on!



PREPARED FOR THE EMERGENCY.

FIRST CITIZEN.—You say that the plans for the Morton campaign are complete?

SECOND CITIZEN.—So I understand. I believe they have selected the man who is to break the news gently to the Governor after some one else has been nominated.

INVOLUNTARY ACTION.

"How Miss Fashion does sail along!"

"She can't help it. She has got six yards of canvas in that new skirt."

TAKES BOTH KINDS.

"Is Patronage, the great political boss, out for gold or silver?"

"Both. He's out for the stuff."

EXCHANGING COMPLIMENTS.

"Get along with you!" sneered the High Tariff to the Chinese Wall. "Don't compare yourself with me."

"I won't," said the Wall. "I kept the paupers and criminals out of my country, which is more than you ever could."

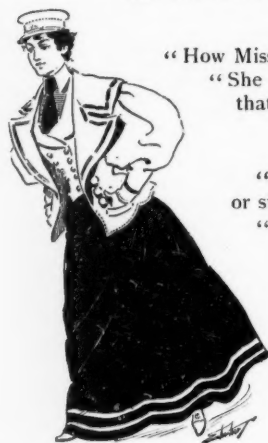
THAT CUBAN WAR.

SENOR IRUZO (*lately arrived*).—What has been the success of our arms during the last few weeks?

COL. CALVERMAN (*of the Spanish army*).—We have been very successful. I believe that not one true report has gotten out of Cuba during that time.

THE VICE-PRESIDENCY is one of the few offices that sometimes have to seek the man.

THE WORLD is like a bike—it will throw down the people who don't keep moving.



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THE MODERN FIGHT.

PUGILIST.—I insist that there must be no brutality about this fight.

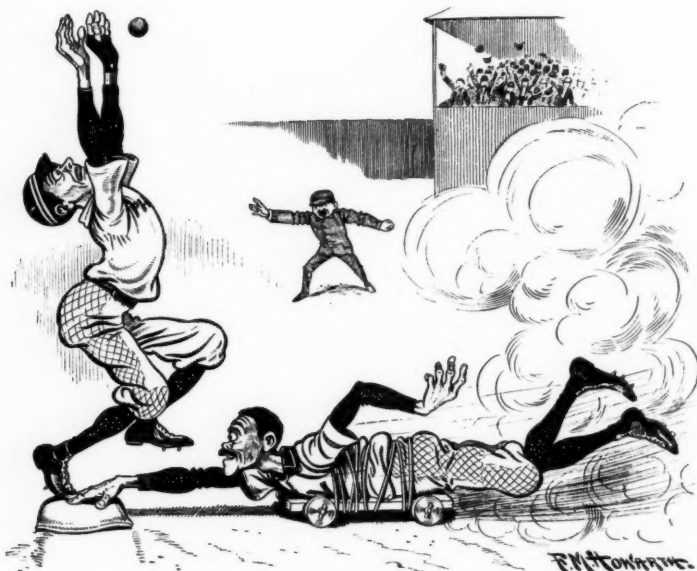
MANAGER.—Very well. What suggestions have you to make?

PUGILIST.—Well, for one thing, the Russian language must be barred; and no stylographic pen goes, either!

A GET-THERE ARRANGEMENT.

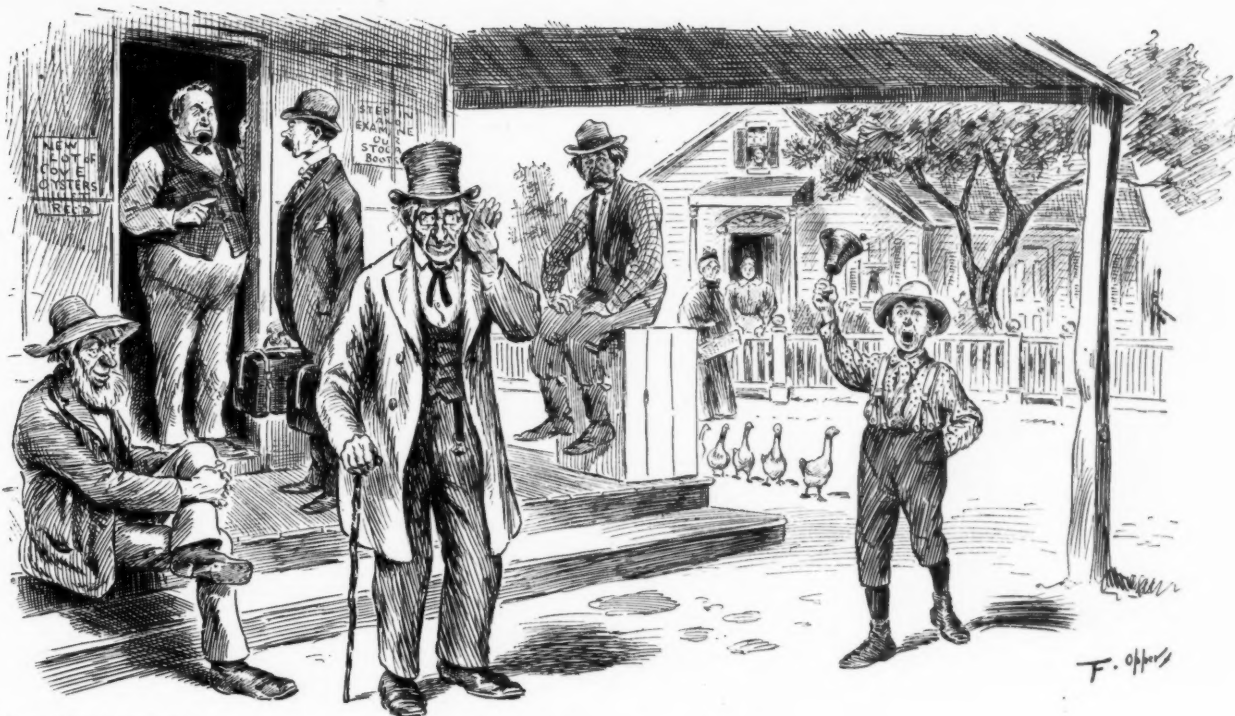


THE CAPTAIN.—Yes; I'll let ye wear it, but it's the queerest breast-plate I ever saw.



THE UMPIRE (*as Mullony takes a slide of twenty feet*)—Safe!

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AN UNAVOIDABLE STEP.

"Big public meetin' at the Town Hall to-night!" shouted a boy who was parading up and down the streets of the village of Joy Hollow, swinging a clanking bell and repeating the announcement in a monotonous howl. "Everybody invited to be present! Goin' to 'cuss 'bout the uh-wah — wah — uh-wah-wah!"

Such is the fashion in many rural communities of proclaiming matters of public interest.

"What is the object of the meeting which the boy is crying?" inquired the grocery drummer of the grocer. "I could n't catch all he was saying."

"We are going to debate on the question of changing the name of the town."

"Are, eh?"

"Yes. During the last two months confidence men have sold three of our most prominent citizens gold bricks; about a dozen men have gone away to buy green goods and come back busted; a widower seventy years old and the father of nine children has

married a girl of sixteen; several people have had their homes taken away from them in payment for notes given to lightning-rod agents; a man with three shells has broken a deacon; a girl who could have married any young fellow in the community has answered an advertisement in a matrimonial paper and got a drunken stranger for a husband; a slick-tongued chap has come along and worked up an amateur minstrel performance, and knocked out of the heads of our young people what little sense they used to have; a faith-cure robber has gone away wealthy after a two-weeks' stay; a young couple have been married in a balloon; the whole village has been fooled into paying twenty-five cents apiece to behold a petrified man that was made of plaster-of-paris by an enterprising pirate living within twenty miles of town; and some other things of the kind that I have forgotten. And now we are going to meet to-night to discuss the advisability of changing the name of the town from Joy Hollow to Jay Hollow, and to see if we can't come nearer to living up to our name in the future than we have in the past.

Tom P. Morgan.



"PLAY BALL!"

PLAY BALL! — the spacious grounds are crowded dense
With ardent rooters all;
The crafty peep-holes in the whittled fence
With urchins swarm — play ball!

Oh! ye, the brawny bat who boldly wield,
The ball smite hard and true;
And ye who sentinel the outer field,
Anoint your hands with glue!

For know, ye must, our plaudits to obtain,
Be made of trusty stuff,
And your untarnished lexicon disdain
The odious word of "muff."

With nobler zeal than ancient Rome's to-day
The assembled city waits
To see you fiercely pounce upon and slay
The strangers in our gates!

And with Olympian ecstasy as well,
The foe but triumph o'er;
The proud grand-stand your praise to heaven will yell,
The loud-lunged bleachers roar!

Play ball! — and may the conqueror's worthy meed
Upon your brows alight:
The enemy on loathsome goose-eggs feed,
And own the town to-night!

John Ludlow.

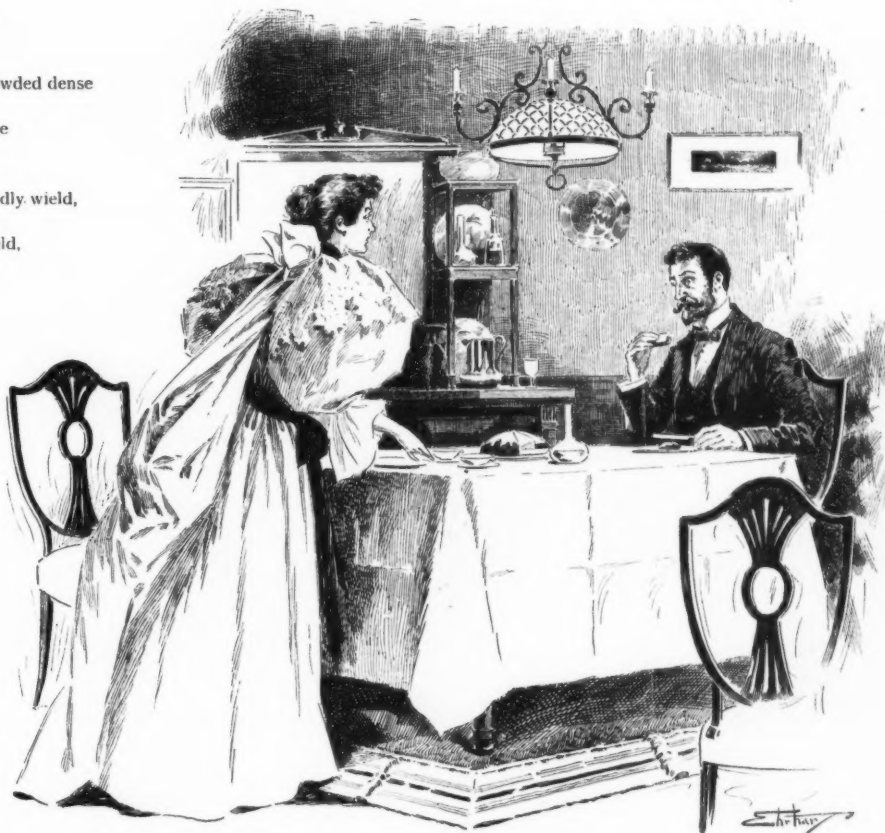
HE 'D RATHER NOT.

"Tell me what you think of that cigar I gave you."
"I don't swear."

BRACER. — Say, can you lend me ten till next week?

FACER. — Like to, old boy; but, fact is, I'm so short —

BRACER. — All right; — so long!



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EASILY REMEDIED.

HUBBY (*mildly*). — Anabel, dear, the cake is very, very nice; but it does n't seem to have risen quite enough.

WIFEY (*confidently*). — I know it, Ferdy; and next time I'll remember and put in more raisins.

THE SIMPLE, RURAL LIFE AT LONESOMEHURST.



"WELL, one thing is certain," exclaimed Mr. Isolate, testily, to his friend, Mr. Commuter, as they were walking up from the Lonesomehurst station, the other day, "Citily is a fairish sort of man as city people go, but I shall never invite him to come out to beautiful Lonesomehurst over Sunday again, even if he is my wife's brother."

"He did n't arrive until the 12:55, to begin with. The 12:57 down was whistling, but he would insist on stopping to light a cigar. We have early dinner, Sunday, like nearly everyone else, as the 12:57 pulls out, and I tried my best to hurry him by pointing to Auctionlot, Hermitage and you, yourself, all hastening to your homes, but he would n't hurry the slightest, — and the soup was cold when we reached the house. And that was just the way it was during his whole stay."

"We don't have any regular meal Sunday night, or he might have upset that. As it was, he made a perfect scene when I was enjoying my evening cigar. Anabel came hurrying into the library and asked where the children were, saying that she had heard the 7:22 Express toot, and that she could not find them anywhere. Thereupon that loon, Citily, sprang to his feet and dashed down Swampview Avenue as though he were going to borrow a rake or a lawn-mower from a neighbor; and he called me an unnatural father when he came back from the railroad and found I had remained where I was. It seems that he had thought he had remembered seeing Alberta and Miriam going out of the yard toward the track, and had felt that Anabel's anxiety was lest they be run over, whereas she was merely searching for them to put them to bed and give them their sulphur. I declare, he had hardly gotten cooled down when the 9:15 Local whistled and I closed the blinds and put out the cat. Then, in the morning, when I knocked at his door and told him that I had heard the three toots of the 6:46 Mail, he raised a great rumpus and asked, how in thunder I could expect us to catch it then. And he was really put out and grouchy when I explained that I only meant that we would have breakfast as soon as the 7:05 blew, if Mary Ellen had n't slept through the torpedos left on the track by the 4:33 Freight for the 6:02 Local, in which extremity we would be forced to forage for some of Anabel's biscuits, which were slightly burnt, as, after putting them in the oven as the 10:33 Matinée Train passed, Saturday, the 11:03 Flyer was nearly fifteen minutes late; and they were smoking when it finally whistled, and she took them out."

"I think we had better complain about the way they are running that 11:03 Flyer, myself," remarked Mr. Commuter, thoughtfully. "It has been late three or four times this month, and my wife has spoiled two bakings timing them by it."

"That would n't be a bad idea," responded Isolate. "The doctor told Anabel to give Alberta her oil every day, at the toot of the 12:55; but it did n't toot until 1:32 Thursday, and Anabel worried a good deal about it."

"But to return to that imbecile, Citily: what did he do, after breakfast, but split my new Spring top coat up the back helping me on with it, thinking that we would have to run for the station, when Anabel merely told us that the 7:20 Dude Train had left Nitville, which gave us thirteen minutes before the 7:46 Bankers' Express arrived; and I can always cover the five minutes' walk to the station in ten minutes."



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THE SAME FIGHT.

MAMA. — Tommy, have you been in another fight?
TOMMY. — No 'm; just had the second round to-day.

"No, sir; although a city man may be my wife's own brother, I don't intend to have the peace and quiet of my restful little home circle here, at Edenic Lonesomehurst, disturbed by one again, when it is so apparent that such persons can not truly appreciate our simple, rural life, so far removed from the turmoil of the busy world and near to Nature's heart."

Con Converse.



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HER VIEW.

CUSTOMER. — Twenty-nine cints a yard! Sure yez was sellin' it at twenty-three last Chewsdays!

SALESMAN. — But Tuesday was our bargain day, you know.

CUSTOMER. — Yis; an' if yez cu'd n't get rid of it on yer bargain day, it's rejucin' the price yez ought to be, instid av puttin' it up ag'in!

THE STATUS.

MRS. MATCHMAKER. — It is time, Ada, that there should be an understanding between you and Mr. De Baryl.

ADA. — We came to an understanding last night. If I should ever need a friend he will do anything in the world for me. He can never love another.

IN MAINE.

THE CLERGYMAN. — Shocking! — shocking! Where did you get the vile stuff?

THE OTHER PARTY. — Corner drug store; but — hic — but if I were you — hic — I'd try somewhere else. It is — hic — it is vile stuff, an' no mistake!

EXTRA HAZARDOUS.

"Accident insurance agents class bicycling as extra hazardous."

"Who pays the extra rate — cyclists or pedestrians?"

HE. — Miss Conyng is rather coy, is n't she?

SHE. — Yes; decoy.

"THERE!" hissed the jealous moor; "how do you feel now?"

"Down in the mouth," gasped the irrepressible Desdemona from beneath her pillow.

THE RECTOR'S DAUGHTER.

(The Choir Boy Soliloquizes.)



TRIPPING SOFTLY down the aisle
With a brave religious air
And a sinful little smile,
Comes the Rector's daughter;
Kneels she in the fam'ly pew,
Bends her pretty head in prayer,
As her father tells her to,
And her mother taught her.

Eyes and hair as black as night,
Cheeks and lips like roses,
Little teeth, all pearly-white,
Has the Rector's daughter;
Form as frail as cyclomen,
Tiniest of noses —
Who shall blame the many men
That have vainly sought her?

Sings she with a hundred charms
Holy hymns and olden,
Just as though an angel's arms,
Heaven-sent, had caught her;
Yet these ways of sanctity
One small soul embolden —
For to-day she winked at me,
Did the Rector's daughter!

George Taggart.

PROVEN.

"French is an infinitely more elegant language than English."

"Nonsense! In capable hands English is equally elegant."

"Never! For instance, instead of the graceful *duel à la mort* we have the brutal fight to a finish."

"Yes; that's so. And instead of receiving our *coup de grâce* we 'get it in the neck.'"

HER ANSWER.

COBBLE.—What did she say when you proposed?

STONE.—She said she could n't marry me, but she would be a brother to me.

IT TAKES nine tailors to make a man; but nine lawyers can not always make him pay them.



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TRUE WORTH RECOGNIZED.

MRS. COHENSTEIN.—I see by der baper, Isaac, dot der beach grop in Delaware vos a vailure again this year.

MR. COHENSTEIN (*excitedly*).—So hellup me Cracious! Repecca, ve must send our leedle Ikey down dhere to learn der peezeess. Dose beoples in Delaware have a regular chenius!

A SUPERSTITION VERIFIED.



THE NEW COOK.—Shure, Mum, there's a-goin' to be a foight in this house; Oi upsit th' whole box av salt.

MRS. CROSSGRAIN.—Oh, pshaw! Bridget; don't be so superstitious. It only shows ignorance.



THE NEW COOK.—But, Mum, Oi upsit it all in th' soup —
MRS. CROSSGRAIN (*boiling over with anger*).—W-H-A-T! You careless, good-for-nothing piece of Hibernian humanity! I have stood your carelessness just as long as I can! Pack up your things! Leave this house at once! Never let me see your face again! There's a whole pot of soup spoiled.

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THE FACTS IN THE CASE OF MAUD.

(A Delayed Acknowledgment.)



WHO HAS the prettiest ankle?
Who has the tiniest toes?
Whose darts the deepest can rankle?
Whose step most gracefully shows?

Maud! She is light as a fairy, —
Queen of the ball-room floor;
Queen, too, in costume more airy,
Down by the wave-washed shore.

Once—could I ever forget it? —
Strolling, her shoe filled with sand;
Up on my proud knee she set it —
I tied the little red strand.

Out in the surf she sank, gasping, —
Losing her stroke, I suppose;
First thing that I knew, I was grasping
Scarcely a handful — of toes!

Rubbers she wore, which she reckoned
Needless; "Mama was a dunce;"
I took them off in a second,
Put them in pocket at once.

Washington furnished flirtation;
Flitted through Ling Ching's dreams
(Head of the Chinese Legation)
He also admired her "extremes."

All this to prove to the jesters
Who still put her footwear in rhyme,
One whom they fancy it pesters
Laughs at their greenness sublime.

Whence came our gayest of dancers,
Queen of Society's whirl?
Hark to her poet, who answers:
"Maud 's a Chicagoan girl!"

Frank Roe Batchelder.



HER VIEWS.

CLERK.—Why not take a set of Dickens?
MRS. PARVENOO (*making up a library*).—I don't want anything
so common as Dickens. Why, all sorts of people have *his* books!

COMMENT.

SHE.—It is not a love match. Both are wealthy, and their families
have arranged the marriage.

HE.—I see. A golden wedding fifty years ahead of time.

PERHAPS.

MRS. BROWN.—He is an excellent actor. But I thought he was not
married.

MRS. JONES.—Why did you think so?

MRS. BROWN.—Perhaps because I have never heard of his figuring
in a divorce court.

A REMINISCENCE.

"Jones was an enthusiast on grand opera, was n't he?"

"An enthusiast? Why, when the Metropolitan
was built he declined to subscribe for a
box on the ground that he wanted to
hear the music!"

"LOVE WILL FIND A WAY."

He pledged his heart, he pledged his
love,
He pledged his promise sweeter,
And then, to buy the engagement ring,
He pledged his gold repeater.

THE GIRL FOR HIM.

FRED.—He seems bent on matri-
mony.

ARTHUR.—Well, if he marries her
she'll straighten him out.

A POSSIBLY RESPONSIVE CHORD.

DOCTOR.—Your daughter, Madam, needs rest—absolute rest.

PATIENT'S MOTHER.—But she won't listen to me, Doctor.

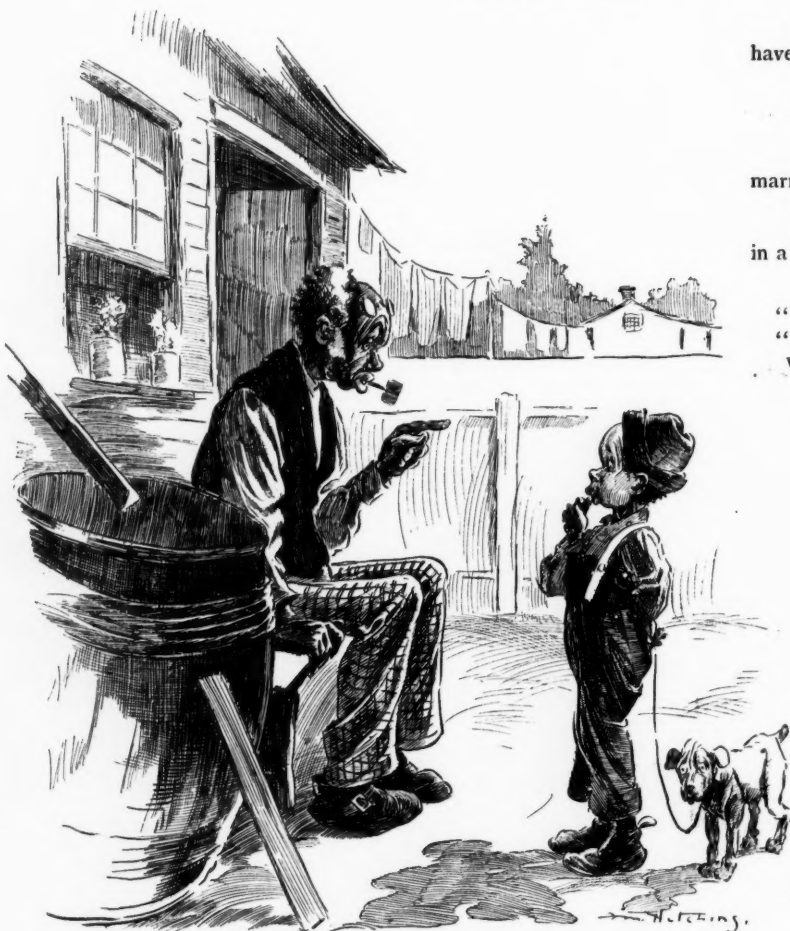
DOCTOR.—You must appeal to her, Madam, in the interest of
her complexion.

FAR FROM IT.

"That 's a life-like picture of your little boy."

"I don't think so. The photographer made him sit still."

TOADY.—After all, the nobility is something one can look up to.
OLD MILLION.—And put up for.



AN OLD SAW RESET.

LITTLE MOSE UFFINGHAM, JR.—Pop, if yo' gib me half a dollar fo'
my birtday, an Uncle Rube gib me —
UFFINGHAM, SR.—Chile, doan' yo' count yo' chicken befo' yo' git
'em outen de coop.



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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

A REAL MAHATMA. AS REASONS multiply why all Presidential aspirants should put out their money views in plain words, the silence of William McKinley deepens. And such reasons do multiply with bewildering rapidity. The latest big reason is furnished by the Senate of the United States, — the body which the Constitution intended to be a safeguard against hasty and unwise legislation. Not only do avowed Silverites control the Senate Finance Committee, as the result of a deal with Republican Senators, but a majority of the whole body is in favor of the fifty-cent dollar. It has shown this by passing a free-coinage measure. Yet the people have not been terrified by such treacherous assaults upon the national credit, knowing that there were two good reasons why they could not succeed. Grover Cleveland furnished them both. They knew he would eagerly veto any free-coinage measure that might reach him; and they knew when national bankruptcy threatened, because of the criminal negligence of their lesser servants in the Senate, that he would use the full power of the executive to avert it. This he has done more than once, and the people have learned to look upon him as their real safeguard.

Now the Senate, on the eve of adjournment, has struck down the only law that enabled the President to protect the national credit and the public honor during the next six months. This will increase the anxiety and impatience of the people until something definite is known of the men who will seek the Presidential chair. In response to the question, "do you stand for sound money or the 50 cent dollar?" put to him the other day, Mr. McKinley replied: "Public office is the people's honor. Public service well done is its own honor." This reply has been criticised as being no reply. We do not think, however, that the vulgar rules of logic should apply to the infrequent orations of this man, since he is clearly one favored of heaven, who can speak only in terms of omniscience unintelligible to earthlings. Upon no other ground can we explain his attitude. In an

M. S. Q. TO T. C. P.

"When the jig is up, my brother;
When the rival boom *won't* stop,
One's resentment one should smother;
One should flop — Oh! one should flop!"

A TEMPTING BAIT.



ROBINSON. — I understand that those Free Silver senators will shortly make a strong bid for popular support.
JENKINS. — What is the nature of it?
ROBINSON. — They will promise that if a Free Coinage bill should ever become a law, they will make no speeches during the ensuing six months.

IN DOUBT.

KING HUMBERT. — Do you understand the situation of affairs in Abyssinia?
HIS PRIME MINISTER. — What is it Your Majesty would like to know?
KING HUMBERT. I'd like to know whether the Abyssinians can't put our troops out, or whether they won't let them out.

A THREATENED REVOLUTION.

FIRST MESSENGER BOY. — De manager said this mornin' if us fellers could n't get a move on he'd get people what could.
SECOND MESSENGER BOY. — Who do you s'pose he's goin' to get?
FIRST MESSENGER BOY. — He says he kin get some veterans of de Spanish army.

ENOUGH SAID.

FIRST HEIRESS. — I wonder what kind of man the Czar is?
SECOND HEIRESS. — A married man.

IT WOULD be an awful thing if that Commission should conclude that the Venezuelan boundary is one of those things no fellow can find out.

ordinary man it would be effrontery and almost trickery to distribute silver campaign-buttons and silver views in the West, and gold buttons and gold views in the East. The very hollowness of the device suggests that there is some superhuman power in the man, and that his views upon any earthly subject are of little importance. We doubt if he would disclose his favorite remedy for a cold, and we are quite sure he would not say which make of bicycle he prefers. The supernatural hypothesis is the only tenable one, and we give our friends the theosophists the credit of Mr. McKinley's development. A Mahatma, according to them, is one who has attained the fullest wisdom and has become a perfected part of the great universal soul. Mr. McKinley is either that, or else he is something very much less impressive.

SOME ADVICE TO PROHIBITIONISTS.

PUCK SHAKES hands with the National Prohibition party upon its success in freeing itself from the heresies of Populism. There is no obvious affinity between total abstinence and the free coinage of silver, or female suffrage, or the government ownership of things in general. A Prohibitionist may believe in the gold standard, while a hard-drinker may believe in a fifty-cent dollar. Indeed, if finance and the rum curse are at all related, it might be said that gold has been of more service to the temperance cause than silver, remembering the formula of a well-known drink cure. But this would be a quibble. There is no real relation between the two. Before a party small in numbers there is constantly the temptation to annex other parties by adopting their views, and, were the main issue common to all, coalition would be beneficial. But where each small party is striving for something peculiarly its own and unrelated to the object of any other party, such a move would be foolish, because the members of the united parties would not vote together. In the case of prohibition and free silver, the single-standard Prohibitionist and the bibulous Silverite would both bolt. The drink issue, like free silver, is too small to attract a great party, by itself; but why should not the Prohibitionists broaden their platform in logical directions and let it embrace all questions of health and diet, instead of trying to intimate that drunkenness and sound-money views are two heads on the same dragon. There are many of us who see a sharp-toothed serpent in the Great American Pie, and many more who believe that the buckwheat-cakes-and-sausage habit is ravaging the land, and we would not hesitate to pass laws exterminating them, if we could. A National Health Corset party would hardly be practicable, yet the partisans of that appliance would perceptibly swell the ranks of this aggregation. So would the vegetarians and the advocates of boiled drinking water, the people who urge vaseline and tar-soap for baldness, the people who wear rheumatism rings, and those who pin their faith to electric belts. Extension in this general line of good health would be logical and effective, we think. And it is only in this way that the Prohibition party can become anything more than a petty nuisance in politics.



TAKING ADVANTAGE OF INEXPERIENCE.

MRS. SUBBUBS (*an old resident*). — Well, how are you making out with your gardening?
MRS. NEWCOME (*fresh from the city*). — Why, we are not making out at all! The man who sold us these potato seeds cheated us. The vines came up splendidly, but there is n't a sign or sight of a potato on one of them. John is going to tear them all up to-night.



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THE GREAT UNKNOWN.

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WOMEN'S WAYS.



INNER WAS always a little late at the Columbus Flattes on wash-days, and on Monday Mrs. Flatte had been shopping; so by the time the soup was placed Mr. Flatte was in no mood for conversation.

Being a tactful woman, Mrs. Flatte waited until a savory stew and some cold chicken had been disposed of, and then remarked:

"I spent a little more money than I meant to, to-day, Columbus, but I have n't bought a thing but what will come in useful; and I did n't forget you, either," she hurried on. "I bought you a neck-tie, at first, marked down from seventy-five cents to nineteen; and after I'd got it I happened to think that I did n't believe you'd wear a made tie; so I told the clerk so, and he said if you were such a crank as that perhaps I'd better buy you a pair of solid pearl sleeve-links. They were only ten cents; so he said I'd better pay the other cent and get two pair, and then I'd have an extra pair to replace your gold ones in case you lost one. He said so many gentlemen were losing one button of their sleeve-links nowadays, and it was getting to be all the rage to have one pearl button and one gold one on each cuff. And I bought you some socks, too, — odd sizes, but they're all of them large enough, except one pair; and some handkerchiefs, half-a-dozen marked with the letter E, but that I can change into an F easily enough. You see you are so queer in your tastes, I never do know what to get for



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JUST THE THING.

"I tell you what I need, Robbins. I need to go out and rub up against the world."

"Let me sell you my bicycle?"

you. Same way about your eating, too; — never tasted celery 'til you knew me. Your mother says you always were that way. Never could get you to eat stewed kidneys, and would n't touch tomatoes 'til you were fourteen, and had the croup 'til you were twelve! So odd of you!"

"I admit I am rather fastidious in the matter of eating," said Mr. Flatte, who was enjoying a cup of excellent coffee, "and it shows what a prize of a wife I have that could make even a Monday's picked-up dinner both appetizing and satisfying. By the way — you don't use gin in a Spanish stew, do you? Because when I came in this evening (you had run out for a salad, so the wash-lady told me), and mingled with the odor of good cookery was a very pronounced suggestion of 'Old Tom.'"

"Oh, that was Mrs. Cassidy! I tell her she always leaves a clean kitchen and a strong smell of gin. I suppose she's been at your bottle again. Last time I spoke to her about it she said she'd used it in mistake for alcohol to clean some spots out of my dress. That is n't so bad as Mrs. Goforth's washerwoman, who told Mr. G. that his wife drank it. Well, never mind! Poor thing, she's got a baby and a drunken husband, and no end of trouble; — that is, she had it with her when she came after the place."



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IMPRESSIONIST LITHO'S.

BILLY.—Blest if I think that last lithograph agrees with me.

NANNY.—Serves you right! I told you not to eat the pink trees or yellow sky, but to confine yourself to the blue grass.

"May be it was a borrowed baby," ventured Mr. Flatte.
"May be it was n't a baby at all!" retorted Mrs. Flatte, huffily.
"May be it was an automatic doll, or a sucking pig."

Madeline Orvis.

ONE STRONG POINT.

REPORTER.—You don't find that these expeditions injure the health of the men?

ARCTIC EXPLORER.—Oh, no! In the first place, we are not hasty about leaving off our Winter flannels.



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HIS DOOM.

FARMER'S DAUGHTER (in New England).—What is the matter, Ma? Did the doctor say Pa was very bad?

HER MOTHER.—Oh, Maria! your father's got—he's got—dyspepsy!

FARMER'S DAUGHTER.—Well, it might be worse than that!

HER MOTHER.—Worse, child? Why, Maria, the doctor says he must n't eat pie.

OLD, FAMILIAR FACES.



WE WOULD know you, Silas Buckridge, if we met you in Pekin, —
We would recognize the tropic growth of whiskers 'neath your chin;
The mole upon your forehead, and your grim and mournful smile
Would both call up the man who tried Magruder's Anti-Bile,
And, "at a cost of fifty cents, was soon restored to
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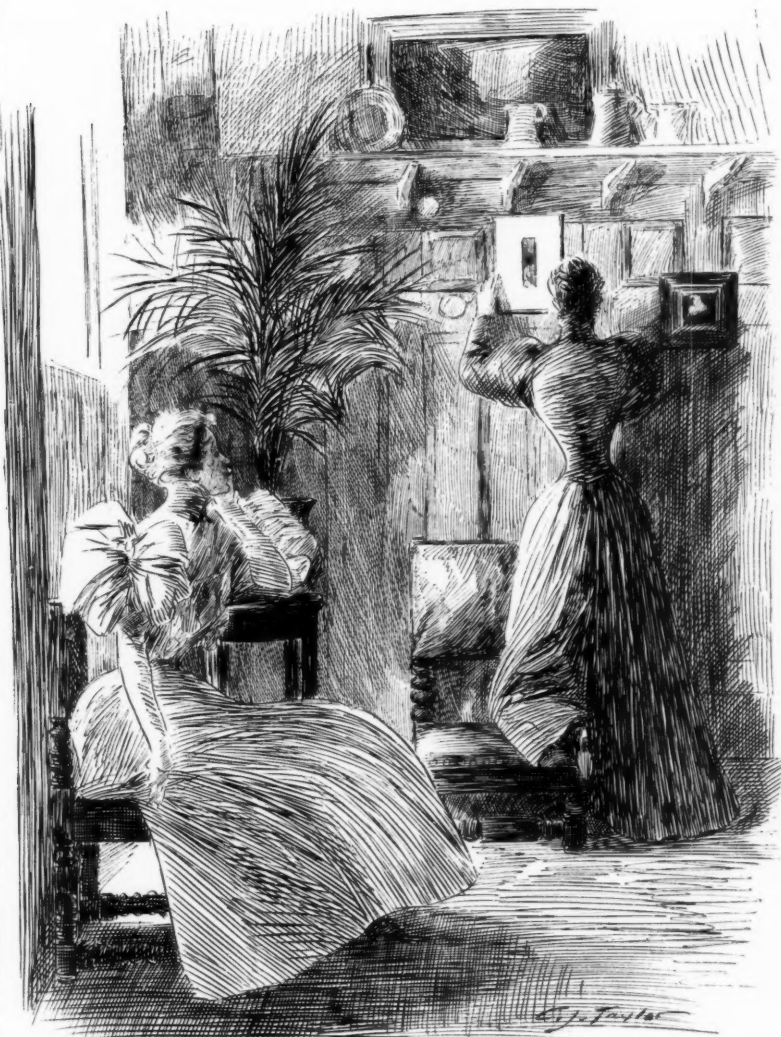
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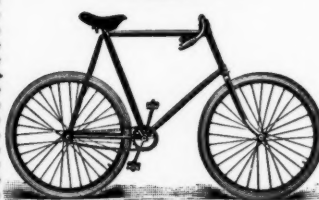
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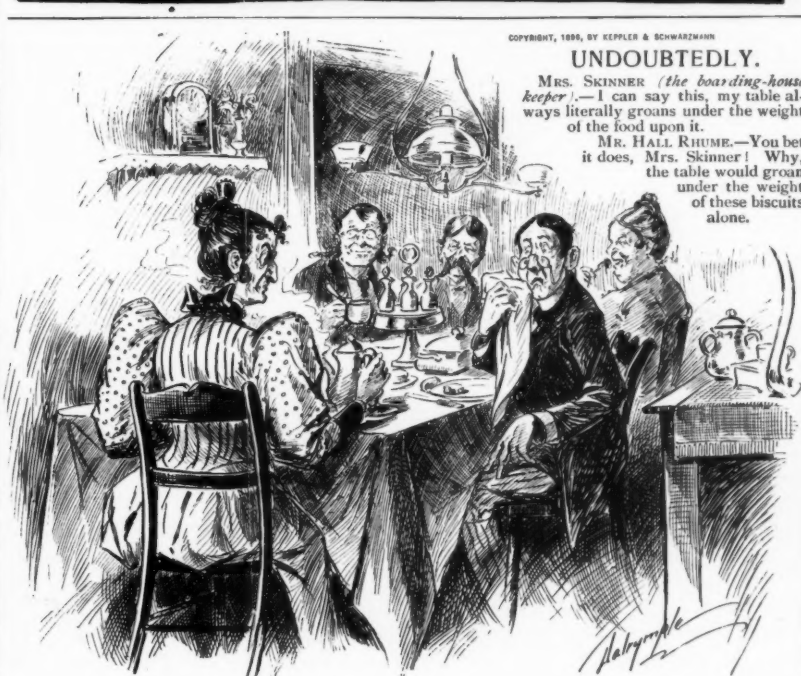
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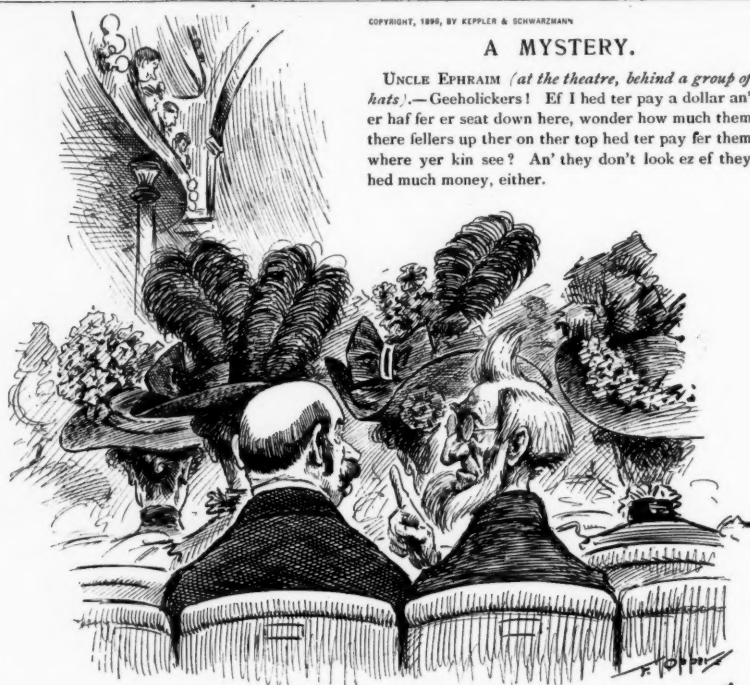
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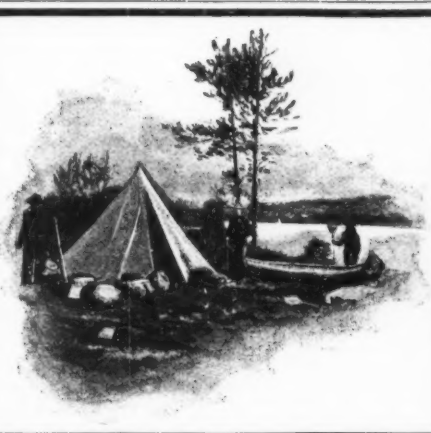
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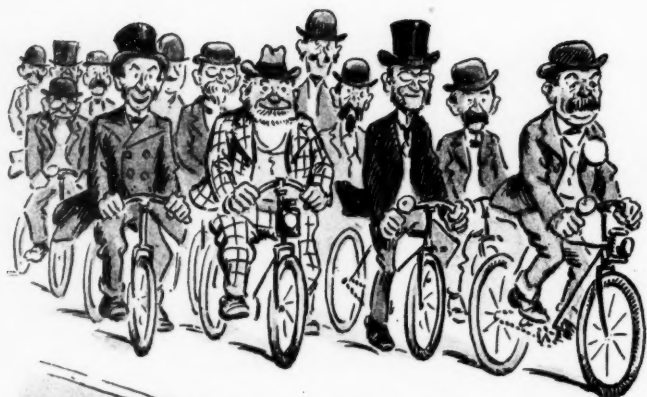
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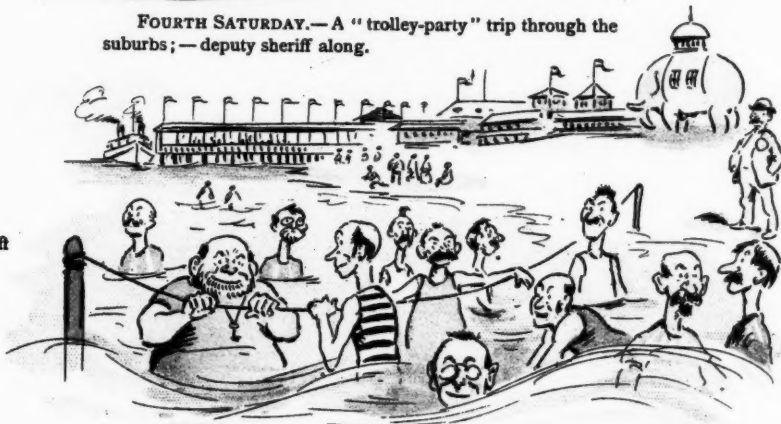
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